



17th November 2025

TO: The Mayor, Príomh Chomhairleoir and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

RE: Invitation to Attend the 12th European Greenways Awards 2025

A Comhairleoir, a chara,

An invitation was received from Mercedes Muñoz Zamora (12th EGA2025 Secretary of the Jury – EGWA Director) by the European Greenways Association to attend the 12th European Greenways Awards 2025 as Limerick Greenway has been nominated to receive an award. The event took place from the 8th – 10th of October 2025 in Abanato Zierbena near Bilbao, in Basque Country, Spain.

The European Greenways Association(EGWA) brings together more than nearly 50 different organizations from 16 European countries involved in the development of greenways. Since its foundation in 1998, EGWA has;

- Contributed to the preservation of infrastructure such as disused railway corridors, canal tow paths and historic routes with the aim of converting them into traffic-free routes and maintaining public access to the land.
- Have encouraged the use of non-motorized transport, by drawing up inventories of potential routes and technical reports.
- Promoted and coordinated the exchange of expertise and information between different associations and national and local bodies involved in developing greenways throughout Europe.
- Advised local and national bodies on how to develop traffic-free routes
- Collaborated with European bodies to support their policies on sustainable development, environmental issues, regional balance and employment.

Councillor Michael Collins was invited to represent Limerick. The costs involved (flights and accommodation) was approximately €861.42 which was funded by the Tourism Department.

In accordance with section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, the approval of the council is retrospectively being sought for the attendance by Councillor Michael Collins.

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